

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 to 15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) An optical scanning apparatus comprising deflecting means for deflecting a beam emitted from light source means, and scanning optical means having at least one scanning lens for causing the beam deflected by said deflecting means to be imaged on a surface to be scanned, wherein said at least one scanning lens constituting said scanning optical means has a hollow portion in at least one of configurational portions outside an effective lens portion of said scanning lens with the optical axis thereof interposed therebetween, and a positioning reference surface for effecting the positioning of said scanning lens in the direction of the optical axis is formed on said hollow portion.

17. (Original) An optical scanning apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein said scanning lens does not have a hollow portion in the other configurational portion outside the effective lens portion with said optical axis interposed therebetween, and has a positioning reference surface on the other configurational portion outside the effective lens portion, and said positioning reference surface is formed on the same plane as said configurational portion.

18. (Original) An optical scanning apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein said scanning lens has a concave surface, and said positioning reference surface is formed on the concave surface side of said scanning lens.

19. (Original) An optical scanning apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein said positioning reference surface is formed on a surface opposite to an ejector pin.

20. (Original) An optical scanning apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein said scanning lens is molded out of a plastic material.

21. (Original) An image forming apparatus comprising:
an optical scanning apparatus according to any one of Claims 16 to 20;
a photosensitive member disposed on said surface to be scanned;
a developing device for developing an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive member by the beam scanned by said optical scanning apparatus as a toner image;
a transferring device for transferring said developed toner image to a transferring material; and
a fixing device for fixing the transferred toner image on the transferring material.

22. (Original) An image forming apparatus comprising: (
an optical scanning apparatus according to any one of Claims 16 to 20; and
a printer controller for converting code data inputted from an external
device into an image signal and inputting it to said optical scanning apparatus.